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AF/EX FOR RYAN

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SUBJECT: LEASE OF HOUSE

REF: A. STATE 269469, B. MASERU 1310,

1. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES ALL COMMERCIAL CABLES SENT MAIEANE. REGRET CONFUSION CAUSED BY NOT KEEPING AF/EX FULLY INFORMED. REFTEL B HOPEFULLY CLEARS UP SOME CONFUSION.

2. MAIEANE APPEARS TO BE REPRESENTED IN MASERU BY THREE SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS - SELLO, BOROTH, AND LOU. THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE LACK OF COMMUNICATION/COORDINATION BETWEEN MAIEANE AND HIS AGENTS AND BETWEEN AGENTS THEMSELVES. EACH CLAIMS TO HAVE FULL AUTHORITY FROM MAIEANE FOR EITHER ALL OR CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PROJECT. EMBASSY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AF/EX ASCERTAINING FROM MAIEANE HOW MUCH AUTHORITY HE HAS GIVEN TO WHOM FOR WHAT. AS SOON AS THIS ADVICE RECEIVED, EMBASSY PROPOSES HAVING MEETING WITH ALL THREE AND ATTEMPT CLEAR UP MANY CONFUSED ISSUES.

3. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL CABLE TO MAIEANE OF OCT 28 CONTAINED STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION, PRIORITY FOR COMPLETION OF HOUSE, SERVANTS QUARTERS, GARAGE AND GUEST HOUSE, IN THAT ORDER. MR. BOROTH INFORMS EMBASSY PLAN WAS FOR TWO CAR GARAGE WITH GUEST HOUSE ABOVE, A PLAN WHICH EMBASSY FINDS MOST DESIRABLE. POST UNDERSTANDS PARTY OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED PARA 2 REQUESTED TO DESIGN GARAGE AND GUEST HOUSE. WHEN PLANS COMPLETED, CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE MR. MAIEANE WITH COST ESTIMATE FOR

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CONSTRUCTION, WHICH WILL WAIT UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF HOUSE

AND SERVANTS QUARTERS.

4. ROOFING TILES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH EXCEPTION OF THE RIDGE TILES WHICH ARE STILL TO BE DELIVERED. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COLORS FOR THE BATHROOMS WHICH MR. MAIEANE PROVIDED TO CONTRACTOR. THESE COLOR PATTERS ARE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO EMBASSY.

5. CONTRACTOR, LOU, INFORMS EMBASSY HE COMMUNICATED WITH MR. MAIEANE SUGGESTING WALL-TO-WALL CARPETING THROUGHOUT RATHER THAN FLOOR TILES, TOGETHER WITH COST DIFFERENCE. HE NOW URGENTLY REQUIRES DECISION THIS MATTER TO ENABLE HIM ORDER REQUIRED MATERIALS. CONTRACTOR ALSO STATES MAIEANE SPECIFIED GLASS SHOWER ENCLOSURE AND SHOWER CURTAIN FOR BOTH BATHROOMS. ONE OR OTHER REQUIRED, NOT BOTH, AND REQUESTS IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION.

6. DRAFT LEASE BEING PREPARED WITH STANDARD MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS. WILL BE POUCHED AF/EX ASAP.
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